present fixing this responsibility on the Municipality. The idea now is to introduce an Elementary Education Regulation fixing a part of the responsibility on the Municipalities.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Can you not enforce that duty under the present Municipal Regulation?

Third Member of Council.—

There is no provision in the Regulation, but we are considering the question in connection with the Elementary Education Bill.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah —

If there is no such obligation on the Municipalities, why don't Government bring in an amendment to the Regulation?

Third Member of Council.—

The Elementary Education Bill will in effect be an amendment.

Mr. S. C. Malliah —

If the Municipality does not pay any contribution, should not this aspect have been considered by Government? Since, however, it has not been done, will you abolish the compulsory scheme till you provide for all these?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes, that seems to be a reasonable view. We shall consider that question.

MESSRS. N. CHANNABASAPPA and P. BASAPPA (Molakalmuru Taluk).—

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Since Marlahalli is a *Devadaya inam* village endowed to a Muzrai institution, have accounts been maintained to show the income and expenditure relating to this village ?

(*b*) If so, from what date have they been maintained ?

(*c*) Is it a fact that when the raiyats represented to Government the various troubles they were put by the present

vahivatdar in the year 1900 they were given an endorsement to the effect that the right over lands, *kapile* wells and trees belonged to raiyats and that such right was hereditary?

(*d*) Is it likewise a fact that the *vahivatdar* also was given an endorsement to this effect ?

(*e*) Is it a fact that with a view to ascertain information required for Question No. 43 of the last Birthday Session, the Amildar, Molakalmuru, recorded the *vahivatdar's* statement and that while giving his statement the *vahivatdar* has deposed contrary to the facts set forth in Sub-question (*c*) *supra* with a view to tease the raiyats ?

(*f*) (1) Is it true that the *vahivatdar* has been realising income from the undermentioned sources to which he has no right ? (2) If so, is he not at fault and what is the opinion of Government with respect to this unauthorised income—hulbanni, durbar expenses and subscriptions on account of the Birthday Festivities ? (3) What is the total amount that the raiyats have been paying annually towards these items and how is it being utilised ?

(*g*) Is the *vahivatdar* empowered to oust the raiyats who have taken the trouble to improve the village and spent a lot over its improvement and who have besides, till now, paid up Rs. 2,000 for the construction of the temple ?

(*h*) Have the raiyats petitioned the authorities that the *vahivatdar* has been giving them various troubles and if so, what action has been taken by Government ?

(*i*) Is it a fact that the *vahivatdar* has been taking an active part in the following cases :—

(1) bringing in disputes about land among the raiyats ;

(2) encroachment on the adjoining Government villages ;

(3) preventing certain raiyats from putting up bunds to save their lands from *halla* water ;

(4) preventing the raiyats from procuring agricultural requisites ;

(5) seizing the building materials collected by *Adikarnatakas* and thus obstructing the building of their houses ?

(*j*) If the above-mentioned facts are true, what is the opinion of Government in considering that there is mismanagement and in making following arrangements since the village is a *Devadaya inam* and endowed to Muzrai institution :—

(1) introduction of survey into the village ;

(2) giving permanent *pattas* to raiyats as they have improved the lands at their own cost ;

(3) if it is found to be true that there are dissensions between the *vahivatdar* and raiyats, to take away the management from the former so as to prevent disputes and to appoint *Hukdar* Patels and Shanbhogs for collection of revenue and a committee for supervising the affairs with a view to see that the object of the grant is being carried out?

(*k*) Is it a fact that the *vahivatdar* has since petitioned for converting this village into a *Brahmadaya inam* ?

(*l*) If so, is such conversion possible ?

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A.—11. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1900.

(*c*) An endorsement appears to have issued in 1900 to certain occupants regarding their rights over the lands in their possession as well as in the trees and the *kapile* wells on them.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. The Jodidar is reported to have given a statement not consistent with the endorsement referred to in Question (*d*).

(*f*) (1) A small amount (Rs. 2) is reported to have been realised as hulbanni in some years. Government have no information as regards the other two items.

(2) The matter requires investigation.

(3) *Vide* answers to (1) and (2) above.

(*g*) Government have no information on the point. Will be enquired into.

(*h*) The matter in under enquiry.

(*i*) Will be enquired into.

(*j*) *Vide* answer to Questions (*g*), (*h*) and (*i*). What action is necessary will be settled after the results of the investigation are known.

(*k*) Yes.

(*l*) The matter is under consideration.

MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR and KATTE DAKAPPA (Thirthahalli Taluk), N. BHASKARA RAO (Sorab Taluk) and B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk).—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What are the steps suggested by the Retrench-